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**Jeremy Miles, Assembly Member for Neath said:**

*“The new garden at Dovecote is a great facility for local children and the wonderful thing is that it was built by volunteers in the local community. It is fantastic to see such a strong community response, giving children fantastic play facilities.”*

On 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Jeremy Miles, Assembly Member for Neath visited Dovecote Day Nursery to view the garden makeover that had been made possible as a result of the efforts of the nursery team, parents and community members.

The nursery team began the SOS style garden makeover in March to turn the garden into a new and improved ‘learning through play’ area, that includes a mud kitchen, a wigwam, playhouse and planting area.

They achieved this by taking part in a sponsored walk to Pen-y-Fan, no mean feat! They raised a fantastic £2019.97!



The project involved clearing the land, painting fences and laying foundations for a new shed, wigwam and playhouse. There has been amazing support from the community, parents who use the nursery, donations of time, skills and money as well as the donation of a purpose built wigwam. To complete the garden the nursery team, in their own time, created a planting and seating area and a mud kitchen.

A huge thank you from the nursery team, led by Jill Douglas, and to everyone who contributed to making the project such a success. We are sure the children will enjoy the new learning area, especially the mud kitchen!!